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## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

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In re the Application of

Kazuya OTA et al.

Application No.: 09/846,304

Filed: May 2, 2001

APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PATTERN EXPOSURE For: AND METHOD FOR ADJUSTING THE APPARATUS

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D.C. 20231

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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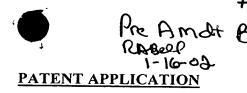
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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2-11, 13-16 and 27 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please replace claims 1, 12, 17-21, 23-25 and 28 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for performing an optical adjustment on an exposure apparatus which exposes an object with exposure light from a light source, comprising:

generating, from said light source, non-exposure light having a wavelength which is different from that of said exposure light, said non-exposure light including at least one of ultraviolet light and visible light;

adjusting an optical property of an optical system through which said exposure light passes by receiving said non-exposure light from said light source through at least a part